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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF NATO OWNED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES
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WE UNDERSTAND THAT RESIDUAL VALUE OF NATO OWNED
FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AT COLOCATED NATO LORAN-A/
HOST NATION OPERATED LORAN-C STATIONS IS BEING
EVALUATED. SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT
NATO REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN EVALUATING RESIDUAL
VALUE OF FACILITIES AT LORAN-A/C STATION JAN MAYEN,
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AT BO, NORWAY; AND SANDUR, ICELAND.

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4. THEREFORE, REQUEST ADVISE NATO PLANS FOR DISPOSING OF NATO OWNED PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AT COLOCATED NATO LORAN-A/HOST NATION OPERATED LORAN-C STATIONS AT BO, NORWAY; JAN MAYEN, NORWAY; AND SANDUR, ICELAND. THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ASSESS IMPACT OF LORAN-A CLOSURE ON CONTINUING UNINTERRUPTED

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